REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 43-44 have been amended. Claims 1-44 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1-41 are allowed.

Independent claim 42 recites that a fourth color light (a mixture of the first and third color lights) and a fifth color light (a mixture of the second and third color lights) progress in different optical paths. Thus, the lights which progress in different optical paths are mixtures. For example, present FIG. 2 illustrates that the M (which is R+B) and Y (which is R+G) progress in different optical paths.

In contrast, Yano illustrates different paths, either to the first LCD panel 1a (also referred to as LV1) or the second LCD panel 1b (also referred to as LV2). Yano, FIGS. 3 and 16. At time t1, M passes along one path to LV1, and no color passes to LV2. At time t2, Y passes to LV1 and R passes to LV2. Yano, FIG. 16. Thus, at time t1, there is only one path, and at time t2, a mixed color and an unmixed color progress in different optical paths. Thus, Yano does not disclose the features that fourth and fifth colors progress in different optical paths, as claimed.

Independent claim 44 recites the reflective panels forming a shadow zone formed therebetween in which the yellow and magenta lights are not reflected. The Examiner has not shown where this feature is disclosed in Yano, but instead states that the reflective panels are not positively recited and therefore do not further limit the apparatus. Claim 44 has been amended herein to further clarify the reflective panels.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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